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In Re The Application of:	)	
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For: SYSTEM AND METHOD FOR	)	
SUPPORTING BLOCK-BASED	)	
PROTOCOLS ON A VIRTUAL	)	
STORAGE APPLIANCE EXECUT-	)	
ING WITHIN A PHYSICAL	)	
STORAGE APPLIANCE	)	

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Sir:

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I, A. Sidney Johnston, represent that I am an attorney of record for this application.

The Assignee of this application is Network Appliance, Inc. (the "Assignee"), whose business address is 495 East Java Drive, Sunnyvale, CA 94089. The extent of the Assignee's interest is the whole of the invention.

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